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Situation Report Winter Storm January 14, 2007, 5pm

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SUMMARY

A series of severe winter storms swept across Missouri on Friday, January 12, 2007, causing moderate to heavy damage throughout the state. A cold front crossed Missouri on Friday morning January 12, 2007 dropping temperatures from the mid-fifties into the high twenties. Moisture from the Gulf of Mexico overrode the cold front causing large amount of freezing rain and/or sleet. An area from Oklahoma City to St. Louis along the I-44 corridor was the heaviest hit. A second round of freezing precipitation took place on Saturday; an additional round is forecast for Sunday.

Fatalities

Location	Fatalities	Notes
Dade County	1	Traffic-related
Harrison County	1	Traffic-related
Lawrence County*	1	CO-related
Jackson County	1	Traffic-related
Johnson County	1	Traffic-related
St Francois County	1	Traffic-related
STATE TOTAL	6	5 traffic-related; 1 CO-related

***Location of CO death was incorrectly reported in 12pm SITREP.**

Power restoration

Officials report more than 324,000 customers are without power as a result of the storm. This includes 134,000 customers serviced by AmerenUE in Franklin, St Charles, and St Louis County. Springfield City Utilities reported 70,000 customers without power. 55,000 Empire Electric customers in southwest Missouri are without power. Rural electric coops report 67,000 customers without power, mostly in southwest Missouri.

County Reports

Barry County—Officials estimated 9,000 homes without power on Saturday. One shelter open at this time in Monett, Missouri.

Christian County—Officials estimate 10,000 people without power, with the biggest problems in Billings and Clever where 90-100% of homes are without power. Two shelters were open Saturday night, with total population of 32 people.

Dallas County—Officials report widespread power outages throughout the County and the City of Buffalo. One shelter was opened on Saturday in Buffalo.

Greene County—Officials report three inches of freezing rain, causing power outages to 70,000 people. Multiple shelters were opened Friday with a population of 150. One special needs shelter has been opened. One nursing home has been evacuated and several more have indicated the necessity to move. Six warming centers were open on Sunday.

Laclede County—Officials report about 12,800 without power. Two shelters were opened on Friday night.

Lawrence County—Officials report widespread power outages in county; warming centers set up in Monett, Aurora, Mt. Vernon.

Lincoln County—Officials report significant power outages in Old Monroe. **54 people from a nursing home in Moscow Mills were evacuated to a shelter.**

Maries County—Officials report power out in most of Vienna, affecting an assisted-living center, two senior living complexes, and the water system.

McDonald County—Officials in Anderson, Lanagan, and Pineville report widespread outages throughout their cities. Generators have been requested to keep water systems running.

Miller County—Officials report about 150 customers without power. One shelter was open Saturday night in Iberia with a population of about 30 people.

Newton County—Officials report widespread power outages. Two warming centers have been opened. Officials are assessing need for generators throughout the county.

Polk County—Officials report widespread damage throughout the County, especially in Bolivar and Pleasant Hope. An estimated 8,000 customers in Bolivar are without power. **Four shelters are open, with population expected to reach nearly 200 people.** Public works is having trouble keeping up with falling trees and limbs blocking streets. City EOC is operating at Level II.

Pulaski County—City of Crocker had power outages early in the storm, but power has since been restored. About 400 people remain without power in Waynesville. One shelter was open overnight.

St. Charles County—One-quarter inch of ice reported Friday night. Officials estimate 33,000 without power, with severe tree damage from O’Fallon to the east. Six nursing homes reported power issues. The sewer treatment plant in Portage de Sioux is without power. St. Peters, Missouri has also suffered time and power line damage. Two warming centers were open on Sunday.

St Louis City—Officials report 2,000 without power, and normal Fire/Police operations. They continue to monitor the situation.

St. Louis County—Officials report 85,000 customers without power. One shelter was open overnight, with total population of 25. **10 warming centers were open on Sunday.** Two nursing homes remain without power. 28 traffic signals are out of power, and they are working closely with District MoDOT officials to get them restored and operating.

Warren County—Officials report significant power outages. **Three warming centers were opened on Sunday.**

Webster County—Officials report widespread power outages with numerous trees down. **One shelter was open Saturday in Marshfield. Road department also checking low-water crossings for potential damage.**

State Actions

On Saturday, **Governor Blunt** signed Executive Order 07-02 declaring a State of Emergency in response to the winter storm. He also signed Executive Order 07-04 activating the National Guard to assist with the emergency response

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) is operating the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) on a 24-hour basis. SEMA officials plan to staff the SEOC at least through Monday evening.

Missouri National Guard (MONG) has about 320 people assisting with response efforts. About 80 troops are working in the St Louis and St Charles area conducting health and welfare checks. About 110 troops are assisting with debris removal and transportation missions in Greene County.

Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) reports five people have died from weather-related traffic accidents. The latest accident occurred in St Francois County, where a woman was killed when her vehicle was swept off a low-water crossing by flood-waters. The Patrol is also evaluating requests for potential law enforcement missions.

Division of Fire Safety is working requests for Incident Management Teams as needed.

Missouri Dept of Conservation (MDC) is assisting with debris clearance activities in Greene County.

Office of Administration (OA) has delivered generators throughout the affected area.

Volunteer Agency Actions

American Red Cross (ARC), and **The Salvation Army (TSA)**, are assisting with feeding and shelter operations throughout the state. **AmeriCorps** is supporting operations in shelters and EOCs as well as supplying generators across the affected area.

Weather

The National Weather Service (NWS) reports another round of freezing precipitation is expected in the south, center, and eastern parts of the state. The freezing precipitation will include various forms of freezing rain and sleet. The precipitation is expected to end by Monday morning. However, cold air and wind gusts may lead to additional damages to trees and power lines which have been covered with ice.

Point of Contact:

Calls to the SEOC can be made at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed on a 24-hour basis until at least Monday night.

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Situation%20Reports.htm>